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## A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES

The Council of Church Boards of Education in annual session at Chicago, January 9-10, 1922, desires to lay upon the hearts of all the members of the Protestant Churches of the United States the following important truths:

1. The cause of Christian Education is fundamental to the maintenance and extension of the work of the Christian Church at home and abroad.

2. "When the man's got—all's got." Trained leaders are essential to the realization of the Christian program. Christian education is concerned with the training of the leaders and of all who co-operate in the work of the Kingdom. The success of home and foreign missions and of all other enterprises of the church admittedly depends upon the success of Christian education.

3. While these truths are generally admitted by leaders of all the churches, they have not yet come to the consciousness of the entire membership as is evidenced by the fact that, while gifts for education in general have been greatly multiplied, the increase in the gifts of the Church for education under the auspices of the Church has not kept pace with its increase of gifts for other philanthropic and benevolent enterprises.

4. In view of the situation thus briefly outlined, the Council of Church Boards of Education urges the leaders of the Churches so to increase the budgets allotted to educational interests as to enable them to meet their increasing opportunities and requirements. It also earnestly calls upon the members of all the Churches to give themselves in prayer and devoted activity to a nation-wide effort for the purpose of endowing and supporting their educational institutions and agencies, to the end that a sufficient number of trained leaders may be provided for the building of the Kingdom of God.

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## ANNUAL REPORT, 1921, OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF CHURCH BOARDS OF EDUCATION

PAUL MICOU

### FELLOW SECRETARIES:—

In rendering a report to you of the year's work of the Council as seen by the President, I wish first of all to express the pleasure which the office has occasioned me. I feel more